

Mezametara Chikashitsu!?

~Tensei Shoujo no Yume no Saki~

If I Wake Up, It's a Cellar?!

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CHAPTER 73

NEW FAMILY

I'm Austin.

The younger brother of the current King of the Dianes Republic Evan and S-class adventurer.

I have a beautiful and gentle wife called Angela, but marrying me has brought her only hardships.

She's was an ordinary adventurer and marrying me, the royalty, has made her a target of jealousy and resentment.

The most terrible thing that happened is surely the child we lost.

Even after such thing happened, she stayed by my side.

Without giving up on bearing my child, she looked for a method all by herself.

Seeing her like that, Elder brother and others cooperated with us, but we weren't able to find any.

Of course, as long as she doesn't give up, I didn't intend to give up the hope too!

At such time, we had a miraculous encounter.

It was the Kokuryuu Fearfal and Felice whom he protected.

Felice has treated Angela with the unparalleled magic of hers!

Thanks to that, we were blessed with a new life.

Everyone was happy and the two exerted themselves in order to protect it.

I never thought that Kokuryuu Fearfal who has no interest in others would assist us to such extent, but frankly, I think it's only thanks to Felice.

But, it was at the time of delivery that I realized it wasn't just that.

That day, I was sleeping as usual.

Due to the nature of my job, I', unable to sleep deeply, so I was awoken by Angela's light calling voice.

When I looked at Angela whether something happened, she was faintly trembling and when I placed my hand on the sheets in order to get up, I noticed that the sheets were wet.

When I looked at Angela in puzzlement, she was still trembling and doing her best not to cry while staring at me.

Looking at such face, I thought.

"What good losing composure here will bring! I have to support her!"

That's why I gently called to her.

“Everything’s fine Angela, leave it to me. I’m sorry I didn’t notice before. It must be difficult to get up in time for... restroom”

The words she said and face she was making at that time, I won’t ever forget.

“What a stupid thing are you saying! My water broke! It’s coming out, you idiot! I was stupid for having expectations just for a second! You are siblings after all! Wipe that idiotic look off of your face and quickly call someone!! I’m telling you that it’s being born!!”

“...Born... born?... Ah... Elder sister-----!!”

I hurriedly ran towards Elder sister’s place.

When I looked at her who was giving instructions to the servants while pouring cold gazes on me who entered without knocking, Claude gently clapped on my shoulder.

“Don’t mind it, Austin. Men are like this during childbirth”

Claude said with a grief of that time.

Because of such ruckus, Fearfal and Felice who were sleeping in the neighboring rooms woke up too and we waited in front of the room.

Men couldn’t enter the room and just had to earnestly wait for the birth.

When the time passed and it the dawn broke, I heard a baby’s first cry.

The door immediately opened and while feeling restless, Elder sister carrying a baby in her arms walked out.

“Congratulations, Austin. It’s your... son”

I asked without being able to receive my son.

“A... Angela is???”

“All right! Both mother and child are healthy”

Hearing such words, I finally received my son, but I wasn’t able to see his face.

“Come on, Austin! How long are you going to cry?... Angela is... wa... waiting for you!”

“...Yes... thank you very much... Elder sister”

When I entered the room together with my tiny son, she was gently smiling even though she looked exhausted.

“Austin”

“Thank you, Angela. Thank you very much”

After that, after Angela rested and woke up, our companions, friends, and family came to meet our son.

Among them, the one who came first was Fearfal.

While finding it curious, after making up my mind and asked, he answered.

“I have lost my family and friends all at once. Even now, I’m unable to forget the despair, hatred, and sense of loss I felt that time. I think I surely won’t forget from now on too. That’s why seeing you guys living while moving forward even after losing your child... I realized how pathetic the I who thought only about destruction was. At the same time, I held a hope. Someday myself too... you see. That’s why I’m grateful to you guys!”

Fearfal’s smile when he said that was gentle and somehow lonely.

When I consulted with Angela about what I came up with after hearing Fearfal’s story, it seems she was thinking the same thing, so we made a request to Fearfal who came to see our son.

“Will you become our son’s godparent?”

“Eh?... Me?”

“By all means, Fearfal-sama”

“...Un”

Fearfal replied with a face that was about to burst into tears.

A few days later, while watching over the groaning him with a smile and waiting, he arrived with a nervous expression while holding hands with Felice.

Fearfal gently took my son’s hand and called his name.

“Your name is ———”

At that time, my son laughed while tightly grasping Fearfal's hand.

He was holding Felice with one hand and my son was grasping his other hand, so he wasn't able to wipe that which flowed down his cheek.

In the future, when we came to receive the birth appraisal the royalty undergoes when born, I was surprised by the "Dragon God's Divine Protection" he had, but it was a trivial thing.

What is currently important to me is my son's growth and making sure not to anger Angela during the next childbirth!

CHAPTER 74

WANTS TO MOFUMOFU

Hey, it's me Kokuryuu Fearfal.

I have changed into a child form and am living as Albert now.

Today is the day Felice and I have been eagerly waiting for.

Even yesterday, we were absentminded all night, so I made ourselves sleep with magic!

Even now, she's skipping along with a dazzle in her eyes.

Eh? Aren't her eyes sparkling then?

No, they are dazzling!

While looking at Felice who was in a good mood, we arrived at the place of our destination.

They are welcoming us at the entrance.

“Ah! Blake-sa～n!”

Right, today's place of destination is Blake's house, in other words, the house of beastmen.

You now understand that there's no mistake in saying there's a dazzle in her eyes, right?

Feeling her state and guiding us inside while not trying to retreat, Blake is amazing, isn't he!

Well, only the excited Feli hasn't noticed.

Blake guided us to a spacious courtyard where little mofumofus were playing.

Feli has been enduring all this time.

Beastmen allow touching the ears and tail only to their family and close friends, but when she heard that this rule only applies only when one becomes ten years old and there's no problem to touch, she has been enduring all this time.

That's why Feli immediately took action.

“Kyaa——! Hello——!”

Seeing Feli rush over while squealing, the little mofumofus... escaped at full speed. Feli stopped at the spot and stopped moving.

“Why? Al~”

Feli embraced me with a seemingly crying face.

“It’s because of your face” is what I wanted to say, but I couldn’t laugh so I did my best to endure.

In the end, we returned with her not being able to approach them that day, so she was quite down.

Well, I understand their feelings of wanting to escape too.

If she approached me with such face, I would also shout “don’t approach me, don’t get any closer!”

After that, Feli’s battle with the mofumofus begun.

One time she would use toys, later she would try to bribe them with sweets, but the mofumofus with great wariness were strong!

Blake who couldn’t watch anymore wanted to lend a hand, but I stopped him.

I will say it just in case, but I didn’t stop her because “it’s revenge for being absentminded the days before and not playing with me” or “I’m enough for Feli” okay! That’s why, don’t look at me with such eyes, Blake!

On a certain day of the battle, the end has come.

“Look, it’s only given that they would escape if you come at them with such dazzling eyes. They won’t disappear even if you don’t rush, how about calming down a bit?”

It was an eight years old girl who appeared with such words.

She’s apparently Blake’s daughter.

“Saying something unnecessary” I didn’t think that at all.

The little mofumofus stopped running away from Feli who obediently abided by the girl’s advice and Feli’s wish of mofumofuing to her heart’s content was fulfilled.

The girl who came beside me spoke a few words to me.

“Is it perhaps jealousy? Do you have no flexibility? To not be delighted about the happiness of the girl you like... how uncool”

Without being able to say anything to the girl who walked away, I just trembled a little. I’m just angry at the words of that girl! It’s not like I’m crying, you know!

Therefore... therefore, don’t pat me with such gentleness, Blake!

On the night of that day, I transformed into a wolf and fell asleep while being petted by Feli.

CHAPTER 75

FAMILY COUNCIL No.1

Hello, I'm Nathan.

I have an older brother of three years.

I have respected him since young, I love him very much.

My cousin and best friend Dylan has told me that I have a severe brother complex.

However, I won't show that in the public.

I don't want to become Elder brother's weakness after all.

I can't come to like Adam who makes my brother troubled like that.

I don't like him enough to make me want to pull them apart immediately.

But, I think that there's nothing to be done when I look at my Elder brother having fun, so I occasionally permit it and tease Adam.

Such thoughts of mine have changed little by little after meeting my new little brother Albert and little sister Felice.

That was during the Xth family council.

Elder brother and I had a day off that day, so we returned as promised, but then we saw a certain thing and a family council was held.

The participants were my father Claude, elder brother Miguel, little brother Albert and little sister Felice, and I. The five of us.

“So? What are we going to do?”

“I think it would be better to tell her clearly?”

“Who is going to tell her? Elder brother”

“I think Feli should do it”

“Why!?”

“I mean, Feli is the cause”

“Al is at fault too!”

“You two, stop it”

““But, Otousama!”“

“It’s not your fault, you two. It’s a responsibility of the person herself”

“Nathan has a point”

“Well then, Father you say it. You are the most qualified”

“I agree with Elder brother”

“Me too~”

“Me too!”

“That’s... no way!”

““““He hates it...”“““

In the end, we didn’t come to a conclusion that day.

If this problem is left as is, it will become something that can’t be undone, so we have to think of a solution.

The time heartlessly passed and the day we had to return to the academy came.

On the occasion, Adam and Dylan came to pick us up.

However that day, the Faust House had a big unsolved problem and a chance for me to greatly change my way of thinking arose.

“O~y! Miguel~ Natha~n, we came to pick you up~!”

“Elder brother... too loud!”

“You are seriously too loud. Just how old are you?”

“Elder brother, even as a joke, he’s a prince, so you can’t be so rude. His mind is surely five years old eternally”

““No... Nathan Oniisama is way ruder”“

While having the usual exchange, Mother came to send us off.

“Everyone gets along so well. Be careful on your way, okay?”

“““Yes”““

“You are such worrywart~ Oba... eh?”

“What’s the matter, Adam?”

Adam who fixedly stared at Mother clapped his hands and said cheerfully.

“I thought you looked a bit different from usual, but Obasama, didn’t you become fatter a little? Your face is round, you now have two chins, your body looks plump too! Your clothes seem tight. You must have eaten too many sweets, right? If you don’t eat moderately, you will start resembling an Orc, you know?”

Ahh God, there is no day where I’m grateful to you more than today.
You have now resolved the problem we couldn’t settle.
I’m sure that with this one sacrifice, Mother will strive for a diet.
It can’t be helped, so I thanked that person from the bottom of my heart.

“Please enter the Nirvana peacefully”

“...Don’t send me... on... yo... ur... gulp”

“Elder brother!?!... Stop playing around and quickly wake up please”

“I won’t ever forget your gallant figure, Adam”

“Thank you very much”

“Hey, he said “gulp” himself”

“Al, that is a rule you must not touch”

And today ended peacefully as well.

CHAPTER 76

PASSIONATE WILL BE PASSIONATE

I'm Meison.

I'm dwarf and A-class adventurer, but I work as a smith.

If a request comes in, I leave the work to my son and disciples, but the youngsters nowadays make only imitations of ready-made goods.

They won't create anything new!

They have no motivation!

I want to tell them to make something, but good things aren't made from obligation. That's why I wanted to show them the approach of a first-class adventurer like myself, but I work only on things that I like.

Recently, I pick my opponents in a different meaning.

The reason is materials.

Fearful and Felice would occasionally "We are always in your care. Please, take this" bring materials to me.

One day,

"Meison-san, please take this"

"N? This is... I don't think I'm wrong... it looks like a dragon's scale"

"Wow~ you can tell just by looking?"

"That is my scale!"

"We have lots. It would go to waste, so here!"

Do you understand? It's a scale from Kokuryuu, you know? It's not something you can so thoughtlessly give away.

Well, if you tell me to take it, I see no reason to decline.

One day once again,

"Meison, I was given this, but I don't need it so I will give it to you"

"...There's no doubt... it looks like an Earth Dragon, but"

“Meison, it is an Earth Dragon, you know! I squashed it so there are not many wounds”

In terms of value, Kokuryuu scale is more expensive, but in the first place, dragon materials are all precious.

I will say it again, but it's not something to thoughtlessly give away.

I will take it though.

Such thing happened many times, making my item ring stuffed with plenty precious materials.

However, I definitely won't let my son or disciples touch it!

If I let those guys touch it, the materials will go to waste!

I told that to my obstinate sons who wanted to touch it.

They hanged on even then, so I promised them that they can touch it if they complete an original weapon, tool or magic tool.

However, they haven't passed until now.

That's because every time Felice and Fearfal come, they crush the hearts of my son and disciples.

“It's lame”

“Is that necessary?”

“What did you make this for?”

“Would you buy this yourself?”

“The materials went to waste”

They have such remarks.

In the end,

“You should do it like this”

They won't make anything more amazing than those two.

Their heart and pride has been crushed over and over again, but I don't see any signs of them giving up.

They are full of motivation I haven't seen before.

Now then, I shall patiently wait for my son and disciples to succeed.

However, well... Felice and Fearfal, they push everything and anything on me—I have no problem with that though.

What will they bring me next time?

Of course, I will take it.

CHAPTER 77

UNWILLING!

Good day, I'm Lewis.

I'm the eldest son of the Elf representative Anemos and A-class adventurer, but I serve as King Evan's aide when there are no requests.

I have been busy in various ways recently, it wasn't comparable to a request, but I could finally take it easy as the matters were settled.

It was a good time, so I invited Felice and Albert to our house.

“Wow~ it's a wooden house”

“Is it because you are elves, after all?”

“I wonder? We also have a non-wooden house. As for me, I can be calmer in this one”

“It feels somehow nostalgic for me... it's calming”

“You're right... it smells nice”

“Guu~” sound came from Albert who was talking about a good smell.

“Al, do you eat wood too?”

“No matter how you see me, I don't eat wood!? I smelled something nice!”

I had an idea about the fragrance Albert smelled, so I told him.

However, how strange.

At the current time, he should have eaten an afternoon snack already.

“I think they are making tea cakes because they heard that you are coming. Still, you didn't have an afternoon snack, Albert? How unusual”

When I asked, he averted his gaze without answering, so when I looked towards Felice, she explained with a wry smile.

“Actually... Okaasama is currently making sure not to eat sweets, but Al stuffing his mouth in front of her, so he was told by Otousama to eat somewhere else”

“Oh my, oh my”

“But... if there were sweets, you would eat them, right? I wouldn't endure! In the first place, the reason Okaasama won't eat them is because she overate and I won't get fat no matter how much I eat! But, it couldn't be helped so I ate at night”

“At night, is it? You mustn't eat before sleeping”

“I know that. That's why I made Feli quickly fall asleep with magic and ate them stealthily. But, I was noticed by Riley and Olivia who exposed it to Otousama and I was prohibited from sweets”

Wait a moment!

“Eating at night and not growing fat, how envious”

Felice, that's not the point!
Is this child a natural airhead?
Or perhaps... no, I have to speak frankly here!

“Albert, you just said “made fall asleep with magic” didn't you?”

“Un! The quicker Feli falls asleep the earlier I can eat, if I get caught I can't eat anymore”

What a good smile.
Surely not... here too?

“Seriously~ I also have things to take care of, if you are going to make me fall asleep, inform me before hand”

It's okay to make you fall asleep with magic!?
Ahh... I'm worried about these children's future.
While holding my aching head in hands, I guided them inside the house.
Father waited inside and approached the two with a smile when he saw them.

“You came. Come, sit here. We have both tea and sweets prepared”

“Yes~”

“Sweets!”

Father who called the two over was like a grandfather calling his grandchildren.
No one is married in our family after all.

As for me, I can't take my eyes off of Evan.

Now then, first of all.

“You two, clean your hands before eating”

““Yes~! Okaa... sweets looks so tasty!”“

Play on words [Okaa]san & Oka[shi]

Right now... what did they were about to say?

You guys, your eyes are swimming... Father too, why are you shaking so much... do you have a cold?

Seriously, let's pretend I didn't hear it this time.

After eating sweets, we let them meet with children of the same “appearances-wise” age.

That's because they would be matched with babies if matched with age.

It's just that the children we matched with the two are at the age where they all have strong feelings of pride, so there was a quarrel as expected.

Normally, they should be stopped, but the two will be okay.

I reported my work to Father in the meanwhile before it was too late.

Two hours later, it became late because I complained while reporting.

When I walked at a fast pace towards the two, what I found there were children running around with smiles and... a destroyed garden.

A destroyed garden? Just what has-!?

When I slowly approached, Felice who noticed me screamed.

“Hii! Le, Lewis-san!?”

“Geh!? He's already here!”

“That's quite a greeting, isn't it? So... who is the main offender?”

When I asked such, everyone started rattlingly shaking.
Although I have asked “normally,” why are you so frightened?
When I inquired even further, Felice returned the garden back as it was with magic.
The elven children were making startled faces and Albert was feeling relieved, but...
it’s not about that, is it?
After that, you ask?
Of course, I properly scolded them.

“I’m sowwy! Kaachan!”

“Forgive us! Okaasan!”

“It wasn’t on purpose! Okaasama!”

“We are sorry. Okaa, cough, cough... Lewis-san”

“Please forgive us, Lew... Okaasan”

Oh my, oh my, Albert. “Lewis” was correct, you know?
Why did you correct yourself there?
Seriously, every last one of them!

“I’m neither “Kaachan” nor “Okaasan” nor “Kaasama”!”

CHAPTER 78

MY SON HAS DONE IT

I'm Claude Faust, the Prime Minister of the Dianes Republic.

Today is the Day of [Appraisal] of my daughter Felice who turned six.

Since the Day of [Appraisal] has been decided, my son Albert has been "What about me!? I'm six too!" nagging me.

You are not genuine six years old and your true identity is that of Kokuryuu, so your attribute values would be also out of magnitude!

The appraisal magic tool will surely break to pieces on the Day of [Appraisal].

How much do you think that thing costs!

When I persuade him like that with Lewis, "Alright... I got it, okay~" he finally withdrew.

However, I haven't spent the time as his father for over a year for nothing.

I know that he didn't give up.

That's why I waited for the day to come while laying the groundwork.

And now, we are in one of the rooms of the royal palace.

There's only me, Lewis, and Felice.

Right at this time, Albert should be babysitting Austin's son.

Originally, [Appraisal] is performed by the church, but because of the incident with the church's healers a year ago, Lewis was able to snatch a special authorization.

Felice was nervous at first, but it was immediately over after she touched the round crystal magic tool.

The results of the [Appraisal] were, well as we expected... no, there were also unexpected things.

"Felice's magical power is high too, but her unique skills are special, aren't they?"

"Depending on how they are used. As for the others... her stamina and offensive ability are still low. Your practice starts next week, right?"

"Ugh... I will do my best... huh? What's this?"

Felice's line of sight moved to the 《Divine Protection》 entry.

There, "Dragon God's Favor" has been recorded.

“Dragon God’s Favor?” Not “Dragon’s God Divine Protection”?”

“Favor” is that, you know... Al—Fearfal is currently not your guardian but fiancé. So the “Divine Protection” must have turned into “Favor”“

“Was that so~”

“Claude...”

Felice, it’s me saying it, but learn how to doubt others a little.
Lewis too, if you look at me with such eyes, you should have said it instead then!
Because that day finished without an accident, I got careless.
The next day after the Day of [Appraisal] , the moment Lewis lifted up the magic tool in order to put it away, it broke right in half.
And then, a magnificent vein appeared on Lewis’ forehead...
That day, I witnessed my son running from place to place and an angry Elf with my daughter (hostage & transfer duty) in his arms chasing after him.

“Taking a hostage is dirty!”

“Isn’t running away without apologizing for doing something bad dirty!”

“Why are you nodding, Feli!? Whose side are you on!”

“Eh? You are asking that?”

“Come on, give up already!”

“How cruel!? I just wanted to touch it for a bit! It was just a child’s mistake, don’t be so angry about it!”

““No, no... child’s mistake, you say...”“

In the end, my daughter has restored the broken magic tool with magic, but the son has been naturally scolded by me, the father after.
I have remembered the past a little, but because I have remembered that guy, I decided to go bully him after the scolding was over.
And as for you, Albert. You are banned from Felice for a week!

CHAPTER 79

WHAT TO DO...

I'm Blake, a Wolf Beastmen.

An A-class adventurer.

I have come to the Faust House with the members of my party today.

Felice has become six and her [Appraisal] has finished too, so she will start the real training next week.

That's why, we decided to take a look how much she can move before that.

We won't know just from the numbers after all.

And currently, we are troubled.

Felice why... why are you exhausted after running for 100 meters?

Are you jumping?

You are not tiptoeing, are you?

Why are you all jiggly from just swinging a child's wooden sword?

Albert, don't run at invisible speed.

How high do you intend to jump? We can't see you anymore.

How can a wooden sword break into splinters just by the wind pressure of a hand swing?

You guys are both extreme.

When I looked at the other members, they were making "What to do" faces.

For Felice, it's stamina and physical strength... no, we should focus on her stamina first.

As for Albert, it's holding back but while everyone was troubled about that, Felice presented a bracelet.

"You see, this is a magic tool that controls the power of the person who wields it. You can set the percentages of control"

She created something outrageous again.

When I looked at the other members, they were looking somewhere far away while Lewis and Meison... they resigned themselves.

Claude who is nodding in satisfaction... he's a magic fool (parent fool), huh.

Austin who is saying "That's incredible!"... I don't know whether his capacity is large or if he's not thinking anything... I don't know.

We tried setting it to 50% first.

The result wasn't different from before.

Next, 30%... 10%... 0,5%... still not enough?

His power finally became at a tolerable level on 0,00001%.

“It's somehow difficult to move. Is this normal?”

“I was like that too when I became adventurer, you know?”

Austin answered Albert's question.

If he, a human, says so, then everything's fine.

For example, seeing afterimages while running, nearly flying five meters up, halving the wooden sword after ten swings, it's surely normal.

Since Albert's case has been settled, we have to come up with the contents of Felice's training.

Is there no choice but to earnestly run at first? While thinking such, Albert had a certain suggestion this time.

What? Surely not... is such method safe?

The full of confidence Albert transformed before us who couldn't believe.

Into a Beastman with fluffy ears and tail.

And then, he wagged his tail in front of Felice and started running.

“...Uh, wait~! Let me touch you~!”

“Only if you can catch me~”

All of sudden, the two suddenly started chasing each other.

Felice, you are faster than before and already surpassed 100 meters!

So you love it that much... mofumofu.

I thought of agreeing with that method, but I was told off by other members, so I think we will search for something else.

Only Austin was looking at them with a heartwarming smile.

After that, Felice used all of her strength and fell asleep, so we dispersed.

Now then, we have to properly forge Felice and make Albert into a “normal human.”

CHAPTER 80

THE TRAINING FINALLY BEGINS

Felice became six and three months passed since her Day of [Appraisal]. She should have already started training, but because her stamina, physical strength and exercise capabilities were so low, but because the “Wouldn’t it be too difficult to start her training now?” opinion came out from everyone, she started by increasing her stamina first.

She ran and ran, she earnestly ran until she collapsed, then she ran again and collapsed again and that continued every day, but in the meanwhile, she was prohibited from using magic and skills.

And currently, in order to seize her “target”, Felice was running in a forest.

“Bu~! I can’t catch up at all! But, I will pass you today!”

Right, this is Felice’s training and also a confirmation test.

Felice saw a mark indicating a halfway point in the forest, so she increased her pace. It was only a little by little, but the distance between her “target” certainly shortened. And then, the moment she saw the exit of the forest, she kicked the ground with all of her might and jumped towards the “target.”

Felice and the “target” rolled and rolled around the ground accompanied by loud noises and stopped when they hit a tree.

“Alright! You pass. The training starts tomorrow”

“Blake, she’s probably not listening”

“Her breathing isn’t out of order as well, she has improved compared to the beginning”

“It’s as Austin says. She was able to grasp her state and the situation and was able to pace herself”

“You guys... how about worrying a little bit?”

“There’s no need, right? Just look at that”

Claude has interrupted Blake and others were carefreely evaluating Felice, but Blake replied and pointed at Felice.

When Claude shifted his gaze towards Felice who wasn't moving after crashing into a tree, he saw her laying while rubbing against her target—Albert's "tail."

"Wait... it tickles, Feli"

"Hehe... tail... mofumofu"

"She's not listening... seriously, that's all!"

"!?... Ahh~... Al, you stingy!"

"Stingy!? In the first place, do you know where you were rubbing your cheeks? It's tail, my butt you know! Feli, you pervert!"

"Wha!? Al is at fault, right! Because you have transformed into that pretty and soft thing!"

"It's my fault!? It's not good losing sight of surroundings when seeing mofumofu, Feli! The last time as well, weren't you in trance because of the pipsqueaks and completely ignored me!"

"Didn't I apologize about that! So persistent!"

"Persistent!?"

Because Felice was crazy about Albert's tail and not listening, he undid the transformation and the two started quarreling.

Approaching such two, Claude intervened.

"Stop it already. What time is it now? Leave the quarrel for later"

"But, Al-!"

"But, Feli-! She says that she likes mofumofu more than me..."

"Eh!? I didn't say anything like that, you know?"

“Even if you didn’t say it, it comes out in your attitude”

“Eh~?... I like Al more than mofumofu, you know?”

“...Really?”

“Naturally! I’m sorry, Al”

“It’s fine then. I’m sorry as well”

An eagle seized Claude’s heart as he watched the smiling two, but when he recovered and the three returned to the others, Austin lightly clapped on Claude’s shoulder and spoke to him.

“Well, what to say... you have it hard, Otousan”

“You will experience it yourself soon too”

“Ahh~... I don’t think it will be to your extent”

“Haa~”

While Claude and Austin were talking as fellow fathers, Felice was delighted about the announcement of her passing.

“You did well, Felice. Let’s start training starting tomorrow”

“Yes!”

“For now, I have written your one-week schedule, please take a look”

Lewis handed a paper to Felice and Albert.

1st day – Morning: Magic studies; Afternoon: Basic training and swordsmanship

2nd day – Morning: General education; Afternoon: Basic training and hand to hand combat

3rd day – Morning: Commercial science; Afternoon: Commercial science practice

4th day – Morning: Pharmaceutics; Afternoon: Smithing

5th day – Morning: Monster ecology; Afternoon: Basic training and archery

6th day – Outdoor practice

7th day- Day off

“This is only temporary, I will talk to you again after the sixth day”

{It's packed, isn't it Al?}

{There's only one day off, Feli}

When Felice and Albert were conversing via telepathy while looking at the schedule, Blake called out to them.

“What's up? Is there something you don't understand?”

“No... it's fine. Blake-san”

“This is all for today”

“It's Claude and I starting tomorrow”

““We will be in your care””

“Well then, we are returning Feli, Al”

““Yesss~””

Austin has returned to his home a little while after his child was born, so only the three of us returned home.

That day, we celebrated my passing and went to bed earlier than usual in preparations for tomorrow.

The next day, the first lesson was Claude's magic studies.

A classroom-like room was prepared, so we had the lesson in there.

“Well then, I will be teaching you today”

““We will be in your care””

“I have talked about this with everyone, but when taking a lesson or practicing, call us either “sensei” or “master””

““Yes, Sensei”“

Claude smiled a bit and immediately begun the lesson with a serious expression.

“There’s no need to teach you the basics of magic at your stage, so I will teach you only the general basics. As you know, most of living things in this world carry magical power, but not all can use magic”

“Hmm... Sensei, everyone is able to use [Life Magic] , you know?”

“[Life Magic] is also magic, right?”

“Precisely. The magic I’m talking about is everything except that. The consumption of [Life Magic] that even parents with low magical power can teach it to their children, so you will naturally learn it while living. However, offensive magic and magic that isn’t necessary for daily living have different consumption of magical power and if you don’t study the phenomenon that leads to magic, you won’t be able to imagine it and use it”

“Conversely, you can use it if you can imagine it, right? I can use it myself after all”

“Me too”

“The general idea is different. The general idea is to learn magic from a spellbook to “master the magic.” That’s why people study in schools and search for a mentor. There’s a little idea of “making the magic on your own”“

“I see, then there aren’t people who can use original magic?”

“There are, but they are mainly oddballs secluded in rural areas or mountains”

“Did you also create any magic, Sensei?”

“A few”

{Otousama is an oddball too}

{Hey Al, if it’s like that then we will become oddballs too}

{Ah... ignore what I said!}

“...Don’t talk via telepathy and concentrate”

““!?”“

Surprised that our conversation in telepathy has been exposed, the two of us looked at Claude in shock.

“I will tell you just because you have not noticed, but you exchange glances when talking via telepathy, you know? Is there even a meaning to the telepathy?”

““Eh?”“

“You guys, people who know that you can use telepathy know when you use it”

““Ohh... I didn’t notice at all”“

“I won’t ask about the contents of your telepathy, so be sure to focus on the lesson”

““...Yes”“

The two received a little “to think we were exposed!” shock, but rather than that, they were embarrassed of their foolish actions.

However, Claude ignored such two and continued the lesson.

“Well then, do you know what is necessary, what is important in order to use magic?”

“Magical power and image”

“Next would be magical power manipulation?”

“That’s right. And then, generally, there’s also the “chant”“

“We can use chantless magic”

“Right, right, we don’t even have to say the name of the magic”

“Well that’s right, but not many people can use chantless magic”

““Why?”“

“There’s several reasons, but those with a weak imagination power increase their image with the chant, then there are those who are under the wrong impression of “chanting is necessary for magic, those who can use chantless magic are superior people”“

“Superior, huh... there’s some truth. When there’s no chant, a steady image and precise manipulation of magical power are necessary after all”

“Failing during the manipulation is dangerous after all”

“Feli, you have learned magical power manipulation from Al, right?”

“Yes! Magical power manipulation as well, but I also practice magical power circulation every night, I also try to exhaust my magical power by using magic”

“Magical power circulation too? Also, why are you exhausting it?”

“Because when you repeat exhausting magical power and letting it naturally restore, the maximum amount of magical power will increase the most like that”

“I also did it every day and it increased”

“...What?”

Claude’s serious face stiffened at Felice’s and Albert’s statement.

“The amount of magical power we saw at the [Appraisal] wasn’t your original value?”

“I originally had [1000] , but it currently increased to [5200]. That’s why I have difficulties exhausting it”

“Huh? Were you perhaps not aware?”

“Rather than not knowing... it’s said that the only means of increasing magical power is by raising your level”

“Felice is level one but it’s increasing. To begin with, you can increase your stamina and physical strength with practice, right? Why did you think the same couldn’t be done with magical power?”

“Indeed... how pathetic. I was once said such, so I always ignored that question. Is that method effective even after your level increased?”

“I wonder? Feli is the first one I taught it to and my magical power was high from the start, so I didn’t feel any change”

“I see... let’s verify it with Miguel and Nathan”

The two in the school were assaulted by chills when Claude said so with a grin, but Felice and Albert were completely ignorant of that, so they carefreely laughed. After that, they were taught and discussed general magic, and the three spend a meaningful time with new discoveries.

CHAPTER 81

SMASH 'EM!

When Claude's lesson finished, he went to the royal palace after lunch. Felice and Albert were warming up and stretching in the Faust House's practice field for their afternoon swordsmanship lesson. Austin appeared just when their bodies became ready.

"I kept you waiting. Are your bodies loosened up?"

"Yes. We will be in your care, Master"

"Thank you in advance"

"Alright! I will be teaching you the sword today, but we will begin with basic training first"

"Basic training, is it?"

"What are we going to do?"

"First, do ten laps around the practice field. There's still some training after that, so pace yourselves appropriately"

"Yes!"

"If it's ten laps then... 10km, huh"

"Albert, your stamina has been lowered as well, right?"

"Yeah. That's true, but... if put in numbers, it's still about the level of A-class adventurer"

"I see... Let's think about your schedule later after you handle the same schedule as Felice"

“Al is practicing holding back, right?”

“That’s right, but we should confirm the limits of his values first”

“Alright”

After that, Felice and Albert began running at their own paces.

It’s only a matter of fact, but Albert’s pace was fast and Felice lagged a lap behind, but she ran at her own pace without panicking.

Compared to Albert who’s breath wasn’t at all out of order after ten laps, Felice’s breathing slightly increased but it calmed down after she took a few deep breaths.

“You seem fine. Next, we would usually train the muscles, but forcibly forging muscles at Felice’s age would be bad for the body’s growth, so we will train the reflexes now”

“Yes!”

“What are we doing?”

“First... try following my movements with your eyes”

Saying such, Austin’s figure disappeared.

Felice was restlessly looking around while Albert had an expression of interest.

“Hee~ it became like this in my current state. It feels somewhat fresh”

“I can’t see you! Can you see him, Al?”

“I can’t see him clearly. I see afterimages only. As I thought, Master is strong considering he’s a human”

“Considering he’s human” was unnecessary, Albert”

As soon as I heard Austin’s voice, he was gently patting my head from behind.

“You are currently “human” as well after all. Always be careful about your speech and conduct especially in public”

“I got it”

“You were so fast I was startled!”

“I have used body strengthening. It’s not limited to adventurers, so other people will also use skills to strengthen their bodies when in combat”

“Is everyone as fast as Master?”

“No, there are also skill levels, but there are differences even if on the same level. Do you know why?”

“Hmm~... does it come to the original speed after all?”

“Correct. But, “seeing” is not enough. You can’t react like that. Because it’s like that, from now on, you will have to grasp your opponent with “eyes” and react with “reflexes,” you have to forge your “speed” both for avoiding and attacking”

““How?”“

“Fu fu fu... it’s something we used when we were little, but I was able to bring it thanks to the item ring you guys gave me”

Felice recognized what Austin retrieved from his item ring while grinning.

(Huh? Am I hallucinating? Why is... whack-a-mole here? Also... Harisen and shield too)

Right, what Austin retrieved was a whack-a-mole.

However, there were five harisen around the whack-a-mole with one shield.

“This fellow is called [Whack-a-monster] , first you choose a monster to whack”

Saying such, Austin pressed a goblin button.

Then, a pointlessly cute deformed goblin came out of a hole.

(Eh?... A cute one came out)

“When it comes out, you take this piko hammer and... smash it!”

—Dogoo!

(Hii~! Hitting it so strongly!? The hell is this piko hammer!? It doesn't make any "piko" noises!)

Austin smashed it really strongly, but the goblins kept on coming out without breaking and violent noises kept on resounded.

"You smash them like this one after another. And, if you fail to smash them up..."

While explaining, Austin missed on purpose.

Then, the harisen around the [Whack-a-monster] came alive all at once and one of them came attacking Austin.

However, Austin swiftly defended that attack with a shield.

Then, he started smashing up the goblins coming out of the holes again.

(No way... is that... rock, paper, scissors game, strike-defend, and whack-a-mole collaboration!?)

"And so, you repeat this for three minutes. The speed differs with levels, so begin at level one. You can choose the level with this button"

"...Yes"

"What's this! It looks fun!"

(Does it? It's something)

Felice thought in disbelief with Al who's eyes were sparkling and the grinning Austin next to her.

"Albert, give it a try first. What about the level?"

"Can I choose?"

"Albert, you saw my movements to a certain extent, right? That's why... level ten should be fine for you"

"Then, let's go with that!"

“I forgot to tell you, but magic and skills are banned from this training, alright~”

Albert pushed level ten button and chose goblins as the monsters.

[Whack-a-monster] activated and Albert smoothly whacked the goblins.

Three minutes passed without a single miss.

On the contrary of Felice's expectations to change, Austin pushed the level eleven button, so Albert continued.

If he checked Austin's expression, he might have seen the look Austin was giving him, but Albert was having too much fun so he wasn't looking around.

Felice had a bad feeling, so she was anxiously watching.

And then, the time was at 2minutes 58seconds and the last goblin appeared and the whacking ended... or that was supposed to happen, but the harisen started moving.

“Eh!? Why? I smashed it properly!”

“Kukkukku... take a good look, Albert. Just what have you smashed last”

As Austin said, Albert moved the hammer and took a look.

“N... no way, this is!?”

“Right, that's... a human child! By the way, if you make a mistake and smash it, you will get a random beating!”

“I didn't hear about this!?”

(Ah~ as I thought... I should be careful too)

While Albert was protesting, the harisen finished the preparations and attacked him all at once.

“No matter how you look, one shield is not enough... in that case!”

Albert panicked for a moment, but he immediately jumped behind the harisen trying to disable them, but it ended in a failure.

—*Bashin!*

“Uwa! Wait a moment, this is a barrier!?”

“The harisen have a barrier during the random beating, so you won’t be able to get away from it~!”

“Say that earlier————!”

The harisen mercilessly chased after the shouting Albert.
One minute later, Albert returned while jiggling.

“Al?... Are you okay?”

“Fu fu fu... fine. It won’t end like this the next time!”

Saying that, Albert pressed the level eleven button again.

“...He entered the Ryu mode. Master, what about me?”

“Don’t worry Felice, I have one more machine”

“I will start from level one”

Felice pressed the level one button and chose goblins as the monsters.
It was slow, so she whacked them with certainty.
On the other side, Al received a random pounding in the middle of level eleven.

“Hey! Why in the middle!?”

“Nobody said that the child appears only at the end~ it’s random”

“Shit————!”

“Watch the face properly”

Level eleven for the third time.

This time, the child didn’t appear in the middle and he didn’t smash it at the end... but, the harisen still moved.

“I properly stopped!”

“That’s why I told you to watch the face”

“Face?... It’s a goblin!”

“It’s not like the child appears every time. Well, you missed so you have to defend”

Albert easily defended against the harisen and silently pressed the level eleven again. In the end, Albert wasn’t able to clear level eleven that day, but Felice smoothly advanced to level two.

“Alright! The basic training ends here. I will teach you swordsmanship next”

““Swordsmanship?... Swordsmanship!?”“

“Oyoy, today’s afternoon practice is basic training and swordsmanship, isn’t it?”

“Was that so?”

“I completely forgot because of the [Whack-a-monster]”

“Today is the first day, so we will only do swings with wooden swords. Try swinging until your arms can’t go up anymore”

““Yes!”“

After that, they have practiced swinging under Austin’s guidance.

They couldn’t raise their arms anymore, so today’s practice finished, but because they were prohibited from healing their exhausted bodies with magic, Felice was dozing off at the dinnertime until she fell asleep, so Albert carried her into her room where they fell asleep together.

CHAPTER 82

PRACTICE CIRCUMSTANCES?

The morning of the second day of training, Olivia was called by Albert before she went to Felice's room in order to wake her up.

The scene she saw was different from the usual when she entered the room.

What laid before Olivia's eyes were Felice splattered on the bed and Albert with a troubled face.

"Albert-sama, what's going on with Felice-sama? You will be late for the practice if she doesn't wake up soon. Felice-sama?"

"...Olivia... she won't move"

"Won't move!? Is she sick?"

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"Umm, I can't hear you?"

"My arms hurt"

"Eh!? I will call healer immediately!"

"There's no need. It's a mere muscle pain"

"...Austin-san said that healers aren't allowed"

"Austin-sama did?"

"Un"

"I have no idea what to do at a time like this"

"You seem out of ideas, Albert-sama. Well then, I will massage it a little bit"

“Please”

“Then, I will go change my clothes. Olivia, help Feli change”

“Yes, leave it to me”

It seems she is suffering from muscular pain from yesterday's practice. The pain eased a little bit with Olivia's message, she got helped with changing and went to have breakfast.

On the other hand, Riley came to Albert's room after he changed his clothes, so Albert went for breakfast after explaining the situation.

When he explained to Claude and Samantha who were waiting, they wryly smiled at him.

Felice who was late finally arrived as well, so they talked about yesterday.

“He used that thing right away, huh”

“The muscle pain was caused by the wooden sword swinging though. Okaasama knows the [Whack-a-monster] too?”

“It's something invented by the Founder King after all. I'm told he made it as a plaything for children”

““Plaything?”“

“That's right. When Ojiisama's dwarven friend was making it, their beastman friend told them “they might as well train while playing” to which their elven friend responded with “let them train their judgment ability while at it” and it gradually turned out like that”

“After that, once it was completed, their magician friend thought “let's make it more interesting” without anybody knowing”

“We did it too when we were young. It was fun at first... until that time”

“Ahh, level eleven, right? Just how many times did I break it with magic?”

“That's right! It became serious from there on and rather than having fun “as if I'm going to lose” is what I felt like”

“I understand... I understand! Okaasama”

“I’m still at level two~”

The discussion became lively, but it was almost time for their lesson, so Felice and Albert returned to the classroom.

After waiting for a while, today’s teacher Lewis entered the room.

“I will be in charge today. Let’s work hard”

““We will be in your care”“

“Even if it’s general education, those are things you two know to a certain extent. Is there something you want to know?”

“Yes!”

Albert vigorously raised his hand at Lewis’ question.

“Go ahead, Albert”

“Please teach me the method to distinguish goblin children!”

“...What did you say?”

“Lewis-san, I will explain”

Felice talked about the [Whack-a-monster] and Albert. Lewis nodded in understanding and wryly smiled.

“That thing is certainly nasty”

“Isn’t it! Even though there’s no way I would make a mistake if it was the real thing!”

“Because Okaasama said that it’s for forging one’s judgment ability, was it made cutely on purpose?”

“That’s incorrect. It had the same face as the real thing at the beginning, but the

children would cry and not approach it, so it turned out like that"

"So, how do you distinguish it?"

"It wouldn't have a meaning if you didn't notice it yourself, so I will give you only a hint. Try carefully looking at the face parts"

"Alright!"

"Since it's just right, let me teach you about the racial differences and distinctions today"

After that, Lewis was teaching about the racial difference.

(Human)

Lifespan... an average of 70 years.

Magical power... initial numerical value 20-3000 points (present records)

Mainly use of attribute magic.

The most numerous among the races that currently exist.

(Beastmen)

Lifespan... an average of 100 years.

Magical power... initial numerical value 10-500 points (present records)

Have animal ears and tails, characteristics differ according to the variety.

Mainly use attribute magic, capable of telepathy.

(Elves)

Lifespan... an average of 800 years.

Magical power... initial numerical value 3000-5000 points (present records)

Sharper and longer ears than humans.

Mainly use spirit magic.

(Dwarves)

Lifespan... an average of 150 years.

Magical power... initial numerical value 50-400 points (present records)

The average height of the adults is 140-150cm, have muscular bodies.

Mainly use attribute magic, but don't fight with magic that much.

"This is roughly about it. To be honest, I was startled by your magical power numerical

value during your [Appraisal] , Felice. I heard you increased it even further with training from Claude yesterday”

“Yes, I was taught by Al”

“We will have people with low magical power try it”

After that, the two reviewed the nobility etiquette they are poor at and the morning lesson came to an end.

And this afternoon, Albert was brimming with motivation.

When they finished preparing just like yesterday, Blake arrived.

“I will be teaching you today. Let’s do it”

““Please, take care of us!”“

“Then, let’s start with the basic training”

We did ten laps around the practice field as told by Blake, then Albert who stood before [Whack-a-monster] laughed ominously.

“Fu fu fu... this time came at last. You better prepare yourself!”

“...What is he doing, that Albert”

“Haha... please leave him alone”

Felice continued the level two from yesterday and while occasionally receiving advice from Blake, she advanced to level five.

As for Albert,

“A child again!? How do you distinguish it by face! I don’t understand what’s different!”

Or,

“It was a goblin!? In the first place, why is a monster so cute? I wouldn’t make a mistake if it was the real thing!”

His voice resounded around.

In the end, he wasn't able to clear it that day.

The hand to hand combat training started despite the disheartened Albert.

“I will have you remember the form first. Felice, try hitting this with all your strength”

Blake took out a mat-like thing from his item ring and tied it around a tree.

Felice hit it with her all as told.

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“...It was all your strength, right?”

“...Yes... t, the muscle pain!”

“Your muscle pain was relieved with massage, right? It's all right, we have just begun”

“It's as Albert says. Let's leave power for later, let's make sure your form is correct first”

“Yes!”

Blake taught Felice the basic form.

1... grasping the dominant hand in a fist, pull it below the armpit with the back of the hand facing down and hold in a state where you can thrust.

2... taking a solid stance, thrust straight forward as if rubbing the body with the elbow.

Spontaneously screw the fist from the beginning of the thrust, make sure the fist is upright at the time of impact.

The shoulders must be facing forward when thrusting, the fist mustn't be askew.

Felice tried slowly repeating what Blake taught her a few times before trying to hit the mat again.

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“Ah... did I do it?”

“It’s not perfected yet, but the sound is different from before, right? It’s the proof that your power didn’t escape while throwing the fist. Felice, you continue doing just that. Let your body precisely memorize the form without thinking about the power”

“Yes!”

“Albert, you try hitting this”

What Blake took out for Albert was a metal board.

“This is... mithril?”

“Correct”

When Blake nodded in satisfaction, Albert panicked a little.

“No, no! My current strength is at the level of an average A-rank adventurer, you know!? No matter how you look at it, this is impossible! Blake, can you, the master do it!?”

“What are you saying?... There’s no way I can”

“See, you can’t! Don’t let me do it then!”

“If it’s you... no, I know. Then, use this”

Because of Albert’s protesting, Blake took out the next thing.

“A metal again?... It’s iron, isn’t it?”

“I can do it with iron, so you should be fine too, right?”

“Well, I should be fine... I think?... Master, what are you doing?”

Blake who heard Albert’s reply took out five more iron boards from his item ring, making it six boards in total.

By the way, the thickness of each board is about 10cm.

“Alright, this should be fine? Albert, give it a try”

“...Hey, how many boards do you use when you are doing it, Master?”

“I... do four boards”

Albert silently took a stance before the iron boards with his mouth twitching. After that, the iron boards broke into pieces with Albert echoing shout, but Blake added the iron boards one after another and this continued until he ran out of iron boards.

Felice was practicing in silence while giving the two a sidelong glance, but she found the exhausted Albert slightly pitiful in various ways, so she gently patted his head.

“Al, are you okay? To break the iron boards into so many pieces, amazing! So cool!”

“Feli!”

He suddenly embraced Felice as his lost vigor recovered.

“Thank you, Feli! The diligently training Feli is also cute!”

“.....”

There was no reply to Al’s words.

“N?... Feli?”

“Albert... she fainted”

“Eh!?”

When Albert looked at Felice in panic after hearing Blake, her eyes certainly rolled backward.

“It seems she hit her head when she fell”

“Feli!?”

Blake stopped Albert who wanted to lift Feli in panic. Because she seemed to be fine when Blake checked her condition, Albert carried her to her room and the practice

ended for today.

“It seems there won’t be a problem using mithril next time”

Blake muttered such lastly.

CHAPTER 83

FIRST JOB

In the morning of the third day of training, Felice once again suffered from muscular pain and received a massage from Olivia.

Felice talked about yesterday while receiving the massage.

“And in the end, Al broke the iron boards to pieces. What a waste, right~”

“Does he really posses the strength of an A-class adventurer? You can't normally do that”

“That shouldn't be it? It was an explosive feat of strength! It seems he accumulated quite a lot of stress from the [Whack-a-monster]”

“Explosive feat of strength has different uses, I believe... well, I understand what you want to say. Nevertheless, Austin-sama and Blake-sama too...”

“Is something wrong with the two?”

“...No. Well, let's change and head for the breakfast”

“Yes~ Thank you for the massage, Olivia”

Felice tried asking Olivia because she found her pondering behavior after listening to her story about the practice strange, but the mind of Felice who heard the word “breakfast” has completely deviated from the matter and she went for the breakfast after changing her clothes.

In the dining room, Albert was having a chat about yesterday with Claude and Samantha.

Felice took a seat and started eating.

“Feli, is the place you hit all right?”

“It's fine, Okaasama”

“I’m sorry, Feli”

“Feli was tired from the training as well, so you weren’t able to stand firmly, right?”

“It’s as Otousama says. That’s why you shouldn’t mind it, Al”

“Un. I will properly support you next time!”

(Is there no choice of not getting embraced?)

Claude inwardly inserted a tsukkomi to Albert’s words as usual.

Finishing the meal, Felice and Albert went towards the classroom and after they have entered the room for a short while, the president of Malaika Company, Robert, has entered.

“Good morning, I will be in charge of you today”

““Good morning. We will be in your care”“

“We will study about business today. How do you two decide on a store you are going to shop in?”

Felice answered Robert’s question after thinking for a while.

“Hmm~... a store I have been in before or a store I heard about from acquaintance”

“And why is that?”

“If it’s a store I have been in before then I more or less know the store’s atmosphere and the stock of goods. The same reason when introduced by an acquaintance”

“Indeed, you can feel uneasy entering a store for the first time while feeling welcomed in a store you utilize all the time”

Albert added, agreeing with Felice’s answer.

“I enter after appraising the shop assistant and goods”

“Why is that?”

“I might get scammed because I don’t know the value of the goods and I also don’t want to buy forgeries or defective products. Well, it’s not like the stores do it on purpose most of the times though”

“Certainly, they are stores which sell such things intentionally. Of course, they will be punished in case they do it on purpose”

““Hee~”“

Robert then asked the next question.

“Then, what kind of atmosphere are you looking for in a store?”

“It would be a bright and clean shop. Same with the shop assistant. Also... polite reception would be good”

“Indeed, I would dislike entering a store with a gloomy atmosphere. Besides, if the shop assistant is rude, you wouldn’t want to come again, right?”

“That’s right. In my company, I always have the newbies receive training for three months first. After the training is finished, I would talk about the newbie with the person who was in charge of him and employ him. My employees also receive training regularly even after getting employed”

(Hee~ they have a proper induction course)

While Felice was surprised by the induction course, Albert asked a question.

“What are you doing in the training?”

“Mainly teaching customer service, but also developing [Powers of observation]”

“Powers of observation?”

“Observing the customers, memorizing their faces and grasping their character and favorites. Of course, making sure that the customers don’t realize they are being observed. Being stared at doesn’t feel nice after all”

“But, can you remember so many customers?”

“As expected remembering them all wouldn’t be possible, so we have people in charge of customers. That still makes a lot of people, but everyone has their methods of memorizing”

“That sounds difficult, doesn’t it?”

“Of course, I will have you two study it as well, so please do your best”

“Uu... I will work hard”

“I want to try it!... It sounds useful”

(Al is fully motivated, isn’t he~)

When Robert answered Felice’s words of admiration with a smiling face, Albert replied cheerfully.

However, Felice and Robert didn’t hear the last words Albert muttered.

After being taught the basic greetings and customer service, the lesson came to an end. They had a lunch together with Robert and went to the store in order to practice at the store for their afternoon lesson.

The store they are practicing today is a store of Robert’s friend who sells fruits and vegetables.

The man has a bit of a scary face with a large body.

Felice and Albert who were sure they would be training at Robert’s store ended up unintentionally staring at the man.

The man who saw the two spoke to Robert with an exhaustion.

“Robert, did you perhaps not explain it to them?”

“Oh my, I carelessly forgot. Albert-sama, Felice-sama, this man is my friend Parker”

“Carelessly? You did it on purpose”

“How do you do, I’m Albert”

“Nice to meet you, I’m Felice”

“Ah... I’m Parker. Best regards”

When Robert introduced them, the two greeted and bowed their heads.
Parker who was unpleasantly looking at Robert opened his eyes wide for a moment and introduced himself while loosening his lips a little.
However, the two looked at Robert again to clear up the things.

“My store is aimed towards the nobility, so you two can’t work there and that’s why I asked Parker”

“No nobles come here after all. However, can these pipsqueaks really work?”

“That’s right. Listen well Albert-sama, Felice-sama. Please serve the customers while [Observing] them just like we talked in the class, alright?”

““Yes!”“

“Well then, I will come pick you up in the evening, so do your best”

“Ah! Hey, wait a moment! Explain it properly to me as well!”

Parker yelled at Robert who was waving his hand to Albert and Felice, but his figure disappeared with unexpected speed in no time.

The three people who were left behind stared at each other in silence, but Parker spoke up after sighing.

“Ah~... I just heard that Claude, -sama’s children are being trained for their future reference, is that correct?”

“Yes, is Parker-san an acquaintance of Otousama’s too?”

“Yeah. We were in the junior high together”

“You didn’t go to the senior high school?”

“I had no money, you see. But, I’m glad I didn’t go”

“Why is that?”

“Just look at Robert. Even though he was so hesitantly asking “Can I become a merchant?” in the past, he has been brainwashed by “those people,” totally unrecognizable!”

“Parker-san, you have suffered”

Parker who was talking with agitation noticed the two watching him with lukewarm eyes, so he cleared his throat and spoke to the two.

“Cough!... Well, we are not that busy, so slowly learn the to work”

““We will be in your care”“

After hearing about the goods, an elderly couple came over.

“Hey there Parker, can you choose a few fruits for us?”

“I don’t mind, but what about your business?”

“Our neighbor’s condition is not good, so we are going for a visit”

“Then, I will put it in a basket”

“Yes, please do so”

“Ou! It’s accounting~”

Parker called out to the depths of the store while putting fruits in the basket. Then, Felice and Albert came out while giving a cheerful reply.

““Yes~!”“

“Oh?”

“Oh my?”

Seeing the two elders looking at him and the two children, Parker tried to explain with a wry smile, but the elderly couple interrupted him.

““Illegitimate children!?”“

“That’s not it!”

“Feli, figure out the total. I will calculate the change”

“Un!”

“You guys deny it too!”

“Hello, I’m Felice”

“Hello, I’m Albert”

“No, not the greeting!”

“Yes, hello. I’m Sam”

“Hello, my name is Martha. How admirable, are you helping out your Otousan?”

Parker was sweating because of the elderly couple’s words, but Felice and Albert who saw such Parker grinned at each other and answered.

““...Yes!”“

“Yes!... Not!”

“We are just joking~ The total sum is 1 silver and 3 coppers”

“My, to be able to do calculations, how amazing. We will pay with 2 silvers”

“The change is... 7 copper coins... please, confirm it”

“Kusu... yes, there are 7 copper coins indeed”

““Thank you very much!”“

““Good luck helping your Otousan”“

““Yes~!”“

“The.re.fo.re... I’m not their Otousan!”

““Calm down, calm down”“

“Am I a horse!?”

Robert came after such exchange repeated several times.

“You two, how was it?”

“Oy...”

“It was fun (in various ways)”

“It was fun (in various ways)”

“Oy, Robert”

“I see, it was fun (in various ways) huh”

“.....”

“Have you memorized the faces and names of today’s customers?”

“I still don’t understand their favorites yet”

“You will have to see them several times to understand the customer’s favorites. You have just begun”

““Yes~”“

“By the way, what are you doing, Parker?”

“He seems tired because he was yelling all this time”

“He yelled even when customers were here. Everyone was surprised”

“That’s not good. Merchants have to deal with every situation calmly”

“Whose fault do you think it is...”

““Yes?”“

“Whose fault do you think it is! Robert didn’t properly explain the situation, the pipsqueaks wouldn’t deny that they are my “illegitimate children,” their calculations are faster than mine, and the customers were surprised but were laughing instead!”

“Thanks to that, we were able to talk with the customers too”

“It encouraged conversation, didn’t it~”

The agitated Parker who found the situation absurd hung his head in dejection after seeing the nonchalant Felice and Albert.

“Enough... I should have refused when I heard they are that fellow’s children. Haa~... here, today’s reward”

“Eh? But...”

“We are being trained, so we can’t receive money”

Felice and Albert looked at the money Parker was handing them with a troubled face, but Parker said with his eyebrows frowning.

“Brats shouldn’t be reserved. I decided to pay you after watching you two work. Quickly accept it”

“Parker has decided that you are deserving of reward after seeing you work, please take it”

““Thank you very much!”“

The two received the wage of 6 coppers after being told by Parker and Robert and restlessly looked inside the store.

Robert and Parker watched the two who found what they were searching for and started moving in wonder.

Then, the two each brought a fruit.

““I will take this!”“

“If you want it, I will give you a few?”

“No, it’s our first salary so we will give it to Otousama and Okaasama!”

“Feli picked Otousama’s favorite and I picked Okaasama’s~”

Parker was moved to tears by Felice’s and Albert’s actions.

“You guys!... Sorry, I thought you guys were “super S” like that fellow”

“S... Al is—”

“Fe~li~?”

“Ha!? I didn’t say anything!”

Felice’s mouth unconsciously moved after hearing the super-sadistic remark, but Albert clearly heard her.

Robert who was watching Albert sidling up to Felice, Felice who retreated in fright, and Parker who was holding back his tears said with a grin.

“I will properly report your “S” remark”

If Parker heard such words, he would surely run away at full speed.

CHAPTER 84

TOUCHING IS DANGEROUS?

When Felice and Albert returned home after finishing their third day of training and presented the fruits they bought with their first wage, Samantha embraced them with a smile.

Claude also gently smiling, but his smile turned into a scheming one after receiving Robert's report.

(Parker-san, run away!)

(What is he going to do? I want to see~)

Seeing such Claude, Felice was worried for Parker and Albert was trembling in excitement, but because they got tired after working with an unfamiliar person, they went to bed earlier than usual.

On the next day, the scheduled pharmaceutics lesson on the fourth day was taught by the elves Lucas and Clare who work as pharmacists.

“We will be in charge of your pharmaceutics lessons. Best regards”

“It will be our first time teaching, so please ask if you find something hard to understand, okay?”

““We will be in your care!”“

Lucas and Clare had nervous expressions, but seeing Felice's and Albert's smiles, they unconsciously relaxed.

“We heard that you two don't know anything about medicinal plants, so let's learn the varieties first”

“Some medicinal plants resemble each other, but they have different effects, so memorize them properly, okay?”

““Yes!”“

“Ah! That reminds me, you two have the [Appraisal] skill, right?”

“We do”

“Yes. Would it be better to use it?”

“No, it would be better not to use it. Of course, using the skill isn’t a bad thing, but sometimes, it’s better to be able to appraise without using the skill”

“Why is that?”

“In skills, there are those that anyone can obtain and those that many can’t. Skills from [Appraisal] system are convenient skills that many can’t obtain, so those who possess them are easily targeted by others”

“Hmm. So it would be better not to use it in the public”

“That’s correct. It’s fine to use it, but you should be aware of your surroundings”

“I understand”

“Got it”

“Well then, let’s begin”

After that, Lucas and Clare explained about medicinal and poisonous plants while showing the real things.

Among them, there were medicinal plants that resembled poisonous plants, so they were taught how to distinguish them from the small details, and then received a test to chose the correct one from the two.

However, while Albert was choosing the medicinal plants, Felice was choosing the poisonous plants every time for some reason.

Felice’s eyebrows gradually sunk and at the end, she was on the verge of tears.

“Uu... why is it all poisonous plants?”

“Felice, there’s no need to cry. Everyone’s like that at the beginning”

“That’s right. Look, try properly comparing the edges of the leaves as taught before. While only faintly, the leaves of the poisonous one are red at the edges, aren’t they?”

“It’s really faint, so it’s fine to slowly observe at first”

“Yes. So Al can see this, huh? That’s amazing~”

“Eh?... Ah~... well”

When Felice said so enviously, Al averted his gaze for some reason.

“Al... why are you looking away?”

“Do you perhaps have another method of distinguishing it?”

“Is that so? Then, tell us please. We would like to know about it as well”

“No~ it’s not like that, but. It’s —”

Felice stared at the mumbling Albert with scornful eyes while Lucas and Clare asked again in wonder.

“““Eh?”““

“Therefore... I can for some reason tell”

“““For some reason?”““

“Right. Medicinal plants give “good for the body” feeling and poisonous plants give “bad for the body” feeling?”

““Good for the body”“

““Bad for the body”“

“Al, you are too abstract. In the first place”

“““As if we understand from that!”““

When Lucas, Clare, and Felice shouted, Albert tried to explain while troubled.

“Eh~? Look, the medicinal plants are... smooth and silky! Sparkly! -like, the poisonous plants give off... hmm... gloomy! Or flabby! feeling”

“No, I don’t understand!?”

“Rather, were you listening to our explanation?”

“I was!”

“Considering all that, you can’t put it to practice, huh”

“But, they are silky, smooth, sparkly, gloomy, and flabby before I can distinguish them, so it can’t be helped!”

“Is that perhaps a natural instinct?”

“Well, in a way, it’s an important sense”

“Isn’t Albert fine with that?”

“Aren’t you somehow too heartless!?”

While Albert was receiving a shock from Clare’s words, Lucas spoke to Felice as if nothing happened.

“Now then Felice, let’s try again”

“Yes~”

“...Feli~”

Clare gave a big bag to Albert who was looking at Felice who wasn’t caring about him at all and looking at him with a grudge.

“Albert, try dividing the medicinal and poisonous plants in this bag”

“...Alright”

When Albert received the bag and did as told, Lucas and Clare exchanged glances and nodded in silence.

(Our planned work will disappear upon returning)

(Let's do this from now on!)

The focusing Felice didn't notice the two were excited by the unexpected harvest. Albert quickly finished sorting out the plants and reached for a bag he wasn't told to touch.

And then, an accident happened.

—*Dokka~n!*

A loud noise echoed across the mansion centering around the classroom.

A few minutes later, what Riley and Olivia who rushed over to the room saw was Lucas and Clare standing still in dumbfoundment, Felice who stiffened from fright, and Albert who broke in a cold sweat with his mouth cramped.

Fortunately, Albert promptly formed a barrier, so there was no injury, but the room got destroyed.

“There doesn't seem to be any injuries”

“Olivia, please go and report. I will start putting things in order first”

“Alright. I will bring a few people”

The two started moving as if nothing happened and Riley called to the four before starting tidying up.

“I will tidy the things up, so please move out”

“...Why are you so calm?”

“Wouldn't you normally ask what happened?”

“From the looks of it, the cause is Albert, right? It doesn't seem like it was intentional this time though”

“You can tell?”

“I can. Besides, I’m already used to things like this”

“Used...”“

“This place has been occupied by magicians for generations... it’s the Faust House after all”

“Is that so...”“

(Albert isn’t the reason he got used to it)

(It’s the Faust House, huh)

While the two were making difficult expressions after hearing Riley’s words, Albert approached them while leading Felice by hand.

“Riley, it’s not “this time” but it wasn’t intentional “this time as well” you know?”

“...You are right”

“What was with the pause!?”

While Albert and Riley had such exchange, Felice unconsciously muttered.

“Always doing stupid—”

“Feli?”

“Hii!”

Smiling with eyes that weren’t laughing, Felice tried to retreat while shaking her head, but she couldn’t escape because her hand was firmly held.

Feeling sorry for the pitiful-looking Felice, Riley asked Albert a question.

“What have you done—what did you do this time, Albert-sama?”

“Riley, you can’t hide your true meaning. No matter what you say, I just finished sorting out the bag I was asked to sort out, so when I thought of sorting out the next one too, it became like that”

Hearing Albert’s words, Clare panicked and asked.

“H, hey that bag, wasn’t it tied by a red string?”

“Right, right, that bag”

When Albert answered Clare’s question, Lucas and Clare apologetically spoke up while making “as I thought” expressions.

“...If that’s the case then it’s our responsibility this time”

“That’s right. It’s not Albert’s fault”

“““???”““

When Felice, Albert, and Riley tilted their heads, Lucas explained.

“There was [Magic absorbing grass] in the bag tied with a red string”

““Magic absorbing grass?”“

“If I’m not mistaken, it’s a medicinal plant raised with magical power, right? Why did that explode?”

“As you said, the magic absorbing grass is raised with magical power. Normally, it would be absorbing from the ground since being a root, but once gathered, it will absorb the magical power of the one who picked it up, and its absorption quantity will considerably increase”

“If those with weak magical power touch it, they will collapse. That’s why it’s handled while wearing gloves. It’s our bad for not telling you guys not to touch that bag”

“But, Al didn’t collapse”

“I exploded~”

“Most likely, the absorbed magical power exceeded the maximum tolerance level”

“It’s also our first time seeing an explosion from that”

“Hee~, in other words... I wasn’t at fault this time!”

“That’s right... this time”

“Riley? You seem to want to add something?”

“Just your imagination!”

Riley’s muttering was properly heard by Albert and just when he was approaching Riley with a grin, Olivia returned with several servants.

“Sorry for taking so long. Now then, let’s clean up. Oh my, Riley, your cleaning hasn’t advanced a single bit?”

“Sorry. I was inquiring about the cause of the explosion”

“Cause, is it? I’m sure it was Albert-sama anywa- Ahem!... What happened?”

“Even Olivia!?”

“That’s not it, Olivia! The magic absorbing grass has become full of Al’s magical power and threw up... or not, it exploded!”

“Yes?”

Felice tried to explain on Albert’s behalf, but Olivia without understanding.

“It’s correct, it’s not correct”

“Isn’t the meaning the same?”

“Feli, are you hungry?”

“It’s soon time for the lunch after all”

“Uu~”

Felice face turned red after Albert and other tsukkomi'd her, so Lucas explained instead while patting her head.

After that, they cleaned up with everyone and after explaining the situation to Samantha and seeing the two off, Samantha spoke up.

“Hey, hey, may I ask you something?”

“What is it? Okaasama”

“What’s the matter? Okaasama”

When Felice and Albert turned towards Samantha, she asked what was on her mind after listening to the story.

“Why did you not use [Restoration] to put the room in order?”

““Eh?”“

“I mean, that magic is a magic which “restores” things, right?”

““Un”“

“If you have “restored” the room, you wouldn’t have to clean it by yourself, right?”

““Ah!”“

The two have completely forgotten about that magic until reminded by Samantha, so they looked at her in dumbfoundment.

Samantha giggled at the two while poking their foreheads.

“Even though you are usually so levelheaded, you are sillies in strange places, aren’t you?”

““Haha...”“

On the contrary to Samantha who was having fun, the two dropped their shoulders with faint laughs.

CHAPTER 85

WHEN YOU BECOME ABSORBED...

After Felice and Albert had their lunch, the dwarf Meison who is going to be teaching them smithing in the afternoon arrived.

“I will be teaching you smithing, but you guys are able to process metals with magical power. I will be teaching you how to process metals with low magical power conductivity”

““We will be in your care!”“

“Thinking about it, we have been processing only mithril and Al’s scales, didn’t we?”

“That’s right. I still have plenty of scales, but we are nearly out of mithril, right?”

“Just what were you making so much?”

“You see, those noble women used a demon to attack Kaasama and others, right?”

“That was the case”

“That time, Oniisamas were close to death...”

“That’s because we didn’t give Niisama and others the “talismans.” After that time, we made quite a lot of them”

That time, Felice’s and Albert’s elder brothers Miguel and Nathan had their stomachs pierced and they were on the verge of dying.

Recalling that day, Albert patted Felice’s head to soothe her who seemed to be about to cry.

Meison frowned and spoke of the problem.

“However, you didn’t use that much of it just on “talismans,” right?”

“We also made weapons such as swords and knives, we made armor too”

“Of course, we applied [Concealment] effect, so it doesn’t look like mithril”

“...What?”

Felice and Albert continued talking without noticing Meison’s mute amazement.

“We were told that it can’t be brought into the school, so we gave them item rings too”

“Miguel Niisama accepted it with a complicated expression, but Nathan Niisama said: “it’s fine as long as we don’t get exposed”“

“Oy, oy”

Although shocked by Miguel and Nathan who impressively broke school regulations, Meison didn’t say anything as life is more important than school regulations.

“The mithril decreased with that, but we kept producing after that”

“Why?”

Asked by Meison, Albert spoke of that incident with an exhausted face.

“During their next break, Adam got on board “Not fair! I want it! Give me!” he was so loud~”

“Elder brother! That’s unsightly, so please stop it!” Dylan-sama said as he dragged Adam-sama away”

“That fellow... he’s still a child, ain’t he?”

At the first prince’s childish actions, Meison didn’t know whether he should get angry or sigh, so he was making a complex expression.

“Well, we originally planned to give it to him, so we made it. For Dylan and Grace too of course”

“Al was such a bully, he handed it to Adam-sama very last”

“Adam’s face that time... pfft!”

Recalling Adam’s reaction at the time he gave him the talisman, Albert burst out into laughter.

While looking at him hopelessly, Felice continued the story.

“Hah~ Oniisama couldn’t stop grinning too, it was really troublesome after that”

“I mean, it’s too funny teasing him!”

“It’s not like I don’t understand your feelings. So, what happened?”

“When Adam boastfully showed the sword to Evan, he took out the sword we gave him during the Birth Festival and said: “My sword is far superior!””

“...Come to think of it, there was a big child, wasn’t there?”

Hearing about Evan’s actions, Meison was at wits’ end.

Apparently, he has been lamenting over the king’s child-like behavior.

“Because Adam was sulking and said: “I want the same sword!” Al told him”

“I don’t feel like making it for the current you. I will make the sword once you become a human worthy of using it... is what I said”

“Umu... that sword is indeed too early for Adam”

“Adam-sama nodded with a serious face”

Meison nodded to Albert’s words in consent, but he got stupefied by his next words.

“Evan was hit by Andria though”

“It might be too early for Evan as well after all. By the way, do you guys remember the promise you made to me?”

Felice and Albert tilted their heads at Meison who’s expression turned from stunned to serious.

““Promise?”“

“Didn’t you guys promise that you would talk to me when you were about to make something?”

““...Ah”“

It appears that Felice and Albert have completely forgotten about the promise they made to Meison during the time they made the item rings from Kokuryuu scales.

“Swords and knives aside, armor should be first-time for you guys, right?”

““Yes, that’s right”“

“When Miguel and others return next time, make sure to show it to me”

““Yes, I’m sorry”“

Seeing the two properly reflecting, Meison’s expression loosened.

“I won’t say anymore this time. I also sometimes forget about my surroundings while absorbed in smithing, so I have to be careful, so you guys should do the same”

““Yes”“

Once this talk finished, Meison started the lesson.

“Now then, let’s make the much-needed smithing furnace first!”

“A furnace, is it?”

“Where are we going to make it?”

“Within this site. If we leave it here, you won’t have to move for every lesson. I got a permission from Claude as well, so let’s move”

““Yess~”“

The three left outside towards the place where they will make the furnace.

The place was right behind the mansion.

“We are going to make a brick furnace this time”

Saying that, Meison took out materials such as bricks and clay from his item ring.

“We are going to use this much?”

“Ama~zing!”

“We are not going to make just the furnace. We also have to build a proper small shed”

““I see~”“

The three started drawing up the brick furnace first.

Under Meison’s instructions, the two earnestly worked with happy expressions appearing halfway.

Two hours later, a single brick furnace was made.

““It’s done~!”“

“You worked well. It looks good for your first time”

While looking at the smiling two, Meison’s also happily smiled.

“We are going to make the shed next”

““Ohh~!”“

The three started building the shed.

This time, they are making it using magic.

They assembled the foundation, then created the outer walls and roof.

At that point, Felice made a certain proposal.

“Sensei, should I make this shed fireproof with magic?”

“Let’s see~… the bricks themselves are refractory bricks, but you can do it just in case”

“In that case, why not use other magic and not only fireproofing? For example,

resistance to earthquakes or dust-proofing”

“It would certainly be convenient”

With the three's contribution, they bestowed the gems they had at hand and buried the entire shed in it as a result.

When they finished, they nodded to one another and started deciding on the interior.

“What's necessary is a water place and restroom”

“Chairs and a table too”

“A shelf for lining up the things we make is needed too, right?”

“Wooden things near the furnace is not good... how about making another room?”

““Agreed!”“

And so they increased the number of rooms.

After that, they continued working while wanting to add this and that.

Thus, they smithing shed has been finally made.

“Umu! The work is complete! I didn't really think we would finish it in one day”

“It was somewhat fun, right?”

“Un! I'm glad we made it properly~”

While the three laughed in a sense of fulfillment, they stiffened once they came out of the shed.

That's because when they came outside it wasn't just evening, it was a pitch dark and Claude in a daunting pose was standing in front of them.

After staring at Claude in silence for a while, Meison moved his eyes to Felice and Albert and let out a brief comment.

“It will become like this when you become absorbed”

““I, I see~”“

Claude let out a deep sigh seeing the three's exchange.

On that day's night, there were those who tried their best to fall asleep with their ears buzzing.

CHAPTER 86

YOUR RANK IS?

The next morning after receiving a scolding from Claude, Felice who has woken up slightly later than usual opened her eyes to Albert who was watching her sleeping face as always.

“Morning~”

“Morning. You are a bit of a late riser today, aren’t you?”

“N~... late~?”

“Un. You overslept”

“...Overslept!?”

Hearing that she overslept, Felice vigorously got up.

“Wa! Don’t get up all of sudden like that~ we were about to collide”

“Sorry, Al... that’s not it! What time is it!?”

“You don’t have to worry. You are just thirty minutes later than usual”

“Thirty minutes!? I have to quickly change! Come to think of it, where’s Olivia?”

“She came to wake you up, but she returned because you wouldn’t wake up. I sent a word to Tousama and others to have a breakfast ahead, so you don’t have to worry”

“But we have a lesson today, I hate to hurry up after all! Al, you should change too!”

“Yes, yes”

Felice who overslept pushed the nonchalant Albert out of her room in a hurry and hurriedly changed her clothes.

Because the breakfast was taken care of by Olivia and Riley, they could take it slowly. Apparently predicting actions of the panicked Felice, Samantha gave instructions to Olivia.

They moved to the classroom immediately after the breakfast. After a short while, Lewis who was in charge today arrived.

“Today’s lesson is about monsters”

““We will be in your care””

“The plan is to alternate between teachers in this subject”

“Why is that?”

“There are many kinds of monsters, so I’m unable to grasp all of the monster ecology”

“Ahh, you will be each teaching about monsters you know?”

“That’s correct. Today, I will teach you about monsters everyone knows”

““Yes””

“Firstly, monsters have ranks. They are E-D-C-B-A-S-SS”

“How is that rank decided?”

“The rank is decided on the monster’s ability, territory, and the degree of difficulty of the subjugation”

“The degree of difficulty of the subjugation?”

“Yes, adventurers have ranks too, right?”

“Un. Sensei was A-class, right?”

“That’s right. To put it simply, the ability of an A-class or stronger adventurer is necessary to subjugate A-class monster. The requests adventurers undertake are also ranked F-E-D-C-B-A-S-SS”

““Hee~”“

“On the occasion, let me lightly explain about adventurers”

““Please”“

“Adventurer ranks go from F-E-D-C-B-A to S”

○ **F-class**

Requests... F-class (Odd jobs, herb gathering)

○ **E-class**

Requests... F~D-class (Subjugation requests start at E-class)

Promotion by successfully completing ten F-class requests.

○ **D-class**

Requests... E~D-class

Promotion by successfully completing ten E-class requests.

○ **C-class**

Requests... C~B-class

Promotion by examination.

○ **B-class**

Requests... B~A-class

Promotion by examination.

○ **A-class**

Requests... A~S-class

Promotion by examination.

○ **S-class**

Requests... A~SS-class

Promotion by examination and recommendation of another S-class adventurer.

“What I have explained are just standards of receiving requests. These may also change depending on the situation”

““Yes”“

“Well then, let’s return to monsters. What kind of monsters have you seen after coming to this country?”

“Umm~ slimes. Also goblins, orcs, ogres, cyclops and... also wyverns”

“Wolves and big horns... are dragons monsters as well?”

“Dragons are classified as monsters. Slimes, goblins, and orcs are staples”

“What are their ranks?”

When Albert asked about their ranks, Lewis told them the ranks of the monsters they named.

- **E-class**... Slimes, goblins.
- **D-class**... Wolves, orcs, big horns.
- **C-class**... Wyverns.
- **B-class**... Ogres.
- **A-class**... Cyclops.
- **S-class**... Dragons.

“This is also just a rough estimate. Each individual has a different rank depending on their ability, their rank will also change when they form a swarm, so you mustn’t be careless even in front of monsters of low rank”

““Yes””

After that, Lewis explained about the monster ecology and their weak points. Just as the lesson was ending, Albert asked Lewis something with eyes full of expectations.

“By the way, what rank would I be?”

“Excuse me?”

“Ah! I’m also curious”

“Look~ I’m Kokuryuu, right? Am I SS-class after all?”

“Al... I don’t think so”

“The rank of Kokuryuu, huh...”

“Un!”

Lewis smiled cheerfully and at the trembling in excitement Albert and said briefly.

“Outside the ranking!”

“Outside!?”

“As I thought”

“It’s only given, right? In the first place, what is the probability of meeting with a dragon god? Fundamentally, dragon gods are indifferent and don’t interfere, they also don’t normally attack people, so they have no rank attached to them.”

“Eh~... then, if I fought with Austin—”

“You can’t Al!”

“Listen to what I’m saying! The “outside the ranking” won’t change even if you fight!”

Feeling fierce angry looks directed towards him, Albert unconsciously backed off.

“D, don’t mind me~ it was just a joke! Haha...”

“...It didn’t look like that”

“You were definitely half or more serious”

“T, that’s not true at all!”

““.....””

After being stared with the two’s reproachful eyes for a while, Albert continued avoiding contact with Austin for several days on his own, but he complained to Claude

and Samantha, so Albert became even more depressed.

“You don’t have to be here. Am I that untrustworthy?”

““Remeber your actions up until now”“

“Guh... I have no allies~!”

CHAPTER 87

I CAN'T HIT IT!

Because it was archery training in the afternoon, Lewis continued being in charge of us.

As usual, we warmed up and started the basic training.

When they finished running, Lewis took out Albert's long-awaited [Whack-a-monster].

"Here I go! Fight me~!"

"What's with that?"

"It's the usual thing"

Leaving Albert whose tension was rather higher than usual, Lewis decided to overlook Felice.

"If I'm not mistaken, you are currently at level five and the monsters have been goblins all this time, right?"

"Yes, that's correct but... Lewis sensei?"

(I have a bad feeling)

"Fufu... the same monster all the time is no fun, isn't it? I will choose for you today"

(What's with that smile!?)

"No, no, no, no! I don't really seek fun in this!"

"That's not good. This [Whack-a-monster] is sold as "to have fun while training""

"Sold!? B, but Al is whacking only goblins too!"

"Albert is enjoying himself enough"

Being told such by Lewis, when Felice looked at Albert, she saw him happily hitting the goblins.

“...I understand. Which will it be?”

“Look forward to it. Come on, get into position”

Felice totteringly moved while Lewis swiftly pressed the buttons in the meantime.

(Ah~ it's definitely that~ even though I was avoiding it~)

While Felice was thinking in her mind, the [Whack-a-monster] has begun, and what appeared was Felice's beloved mofumofu.

“It's wolves as I thought~! Moreover, it's so cute!”

While saying such, one of the wolves went down, a harisen came flying towards her and her defenses weren't in time.

—*Bashin!*

“Ouch!... Ugh...”

“It's as I expected or how should I put it...”

Tears appeared at the corners of Felice's eyes, but the [Whack-a-monster] didn't stop. Felice quickly reorganized her feelings and hit the next wolf.

“I'm sorry! Don't look at me with such round and cute eyes!”

“Felice...”

Until the [Whack-a-monster] finished, Felice continued to apologize on top of being hit by the harisen several times.

Lewis spoke up while rubbing his brows.

“I have expected it, but the future is going to be difficult”

“Uuu...”

“Felice, at this rate, it’s going to be dangerous for you when you encounter wolves or other mofumofu monsters in real combat. You understand that, right?”

“Yes”

As it would be dangerous for her to hesitate in the actual fight, Lewis hardened his heart and told Felice.

“Well, you have no choice but to get used to it. Next time, go for at least ten wolves during the [Whack-a-monster] training”

“Eh!... Ten of them”

She understood that it would be dangerous like this, but Felice’s eyes got wet as she stared at Lewis.

It was almost as if those eyes were complaining “Something like ten of them, that’s impossible! It’s not fun! Even though you said having fun while training just a while ago!”

“...Five times is fine too”

In the end, Lewis yielded this time.

It appears that his heart wasn’t hardened enough.

After that, when the quota of today’s basic training got finished, they started practicing with a bow.

“Well then, I will teach you how to handle a bow”

““Please”“

Lewis took out small bows, several arrows and a target from his item ring.

During the teaching of how to use the bow, Albert accidentally put in too much strength and snapped the bowstrings several times, but he somehow managed to learn the form.

“It’s fine to miss the target at first. Let’s try it from 5m distance first”

““Yes”“

“Well then, shoot with your own timing”

Felice and Albert were concentrating and released the arrows with their own timing. Talking about the results, Felice’s arrow flew above the target and Albert’s arrow passed through the target and got stuck in a tree behind the target.

“Albert, your hand shook slightly when you were about to release the arrow. Your aim is good, so be conscious of that”

“Yess~”

“Felice, you have closed your eyes as you released the arrow, so you couldn’t hit the target. Please look properly without getting afraid”

“Yes!”

After they shot several arrows while receiving Lewis’ instructions, Albert’s aim got closer to the center and Felice managed to graze the target as well.

Much time has passed, so Lewis informed them of the end.

“Let’s end it here today. You have worked hard”

““Thank you very much!”“

Felice who relaxed as she thought it was already over got reminded by Lewis.

“Felice, be sure to hit five times even if I’m not the one in charge”

“...Yess”

“What? What’s the matter, Feli”

Felice was sulking a bit, so Albert patted her head after listening to the story.

“Feli, you understand that Lewis is not trying to bully you, right? He’s making sure you won’t come across those dangerous eyes”

(Good thinking, Lewis! In the first place, Feli likes mofumofu too much! Would she

calm down a little with this?)

“I know. He already lowered it from ten to five, I will do my best!”

“I see... let's do our best together!”

(Even though ten was fine... isn't Lewis too lenient with Feli? Well, she would be pitiful if he was too strict but)

“Un!”

(Overthrow mofumofu!)

Seeing the two laughing while holding hands, Lewis muttered with an exhausted face.

“What they are saying is surely different from what they are thinking”

CHAPTER 88

NEW ENCOUNTER?

Felice and Albert just came to a forest outside the capital for their outdoor training. Accompanying them is Austin and Blake. Blake promptly told them today's plans.

"Today, we will put up a tent and we will be teaching you the locations of herbs, animals, monsters and their searching methods from there. If we come across a monster, don't attack unless it's an emergency situation"

"Yes, please take care of me!"

When the two gave a cheerful reply, Austin took out two tents from his item ring.

"Alright! The tents come first. I will set up the first one, so you guys watch me and try to set up the other one"

"Got it"

"This tent is smallish, isn't it?"

"This size is too heavy for you, so it wouldn't be possible to set it up"

The two found it curious seeing the tent they were given, but understanding Blake's words, the two tried setting up the tent while watching Austin. Austin also progressed while watching the two's state, so they were able to set up the tent smoothly.

Blake confirmed the state of the completed tent and because he didn't find a problem, Austin took out five cone-shaped things next.

Four of the five were white and one was red.

"We will install this next"

"What is that?"

“Is that some kind of a magic tool?”

“Correct. This is called a [Barrier Pin] and it’s literally a barrier magic tool. Blake, please”

“Yeah... you stick the white pins into the four corners of the site you want to put up the barrier in. You then stick the red one within the barrier and pour magical power inside”

Blake put up the four [Barrier Pins] with the tents in the center and poured magical power inside the red one once the four whites were set up.

Austin explained while watching that.

“Like this, the red one will memorize the magical power that has been poured inside, allowing you to freely go in and out, while not letting those who didn’t register inside. You guys pour your magical power inside as well”

“Touch it with your hand and just a small amount is fine”

“Yes”

“Does everyone have this?”

When Albert asked while pouring his magical power inside the red pin, Austin answered.

“We have bought it ourselves in the past, but currently, when you become E-class adventurer, the guild will give them to interested parties”

“The guild will? Why is that?”

When Felice asked, Blake cast his eyes down and replied.

“To increase the survival rate of adventurers. The death rate of low-ranked adventurers was too high in the past”

“Magic tools are expensive, so the adventurers of low rank can’t quite get their hands on them. It’s not the only cause, but the guild prepares them to raise the survival rate if by even a little”

“Well, it’s not free though. If you received it, two copper coins will be deducted from your rewards”

“Still, it would generally cost about two gold coins to buy it. In the guild, it will cost you one gold coin in total and you don’t have a payment deadline, so there are many people who use it”

““Hee~”“

The barrier has been set up without a problem, so they departed to search the forest. Felice and Albert advanced while careful of their footsteps and presence as they were told.

On the way, they found a place where herbs were growing en masse, Albert defeated a slime, and a lot happened when Felice screamed after a bug landed on her face, but they somehow managed to get to a resting place.

“Zee~... zee~...”

“Feli, are you okay?”

“You would get tired after shouting like that”

“You will get used to it. You will calm down after experiencing it a few times. Angela also often shrieked in the past, but she now slaps them off in silence. Haha!”

“I... don’t want to... get used to it”

“Anyhow, sit down”

“Un”

Albert prompted Felice who finally put her breathing in order to sit down at the nearby stone and he sat on the stone across her.

Then, they heard a noise from somewhere.

—*Goto*

““N?”“

“Did you say something?”

“Austin, I heard a strange sound, so be careful”

—*Gakon*

When they heard the noise again, the stones Felice and Albert were sitting on sunk down.

“Wa!”

“Hoeh?”

““Wha!?”“

—*Gakun*

While startled by the sudden happening, the stones tilted and a hole opened behind the two, sucking up Felice and Albert who were sitting on them.

“Hey!”

“What is this~!”

““Felice! Albert!”“

Austin and Blake rushed over, but the hole closed before their hands could reach.

“Shit! The communication tool isn’t working either... Blake! Return and notify them! I will try looking for the entrance!”

“Got it!”

While Austin and Blake were starting to move, Felice and Albert were enveloped by darkness.

“Feli, are you unhurt?”

“Un. Because you protected me. Are you alright?”

“I’m fine. I put out a barrier too”

“It would be better to contact the two, right?”

“Un. But the communication tool isn’t connecting, the telepathy is not reaching too. Since I can use both skills and magic, there must be a communication interference with outside. I’m unable to use transfer as well”

“That can’t be~”

Albert used [Light] and looked around their surroundings. They were surrounded by walls and there was one door.

“Let’s take a look”

“U, un”

Albert opened the door and there was a passage when he looked. When they stepped inside, the lamps installed throughout the passage lighted up.

“What is this place~”

“Hee~ it became interesting. Let’s go”

“Ehh~”

Taking the hand of the unwilling Felice, Albert advanced forward. After walking for a while, they found another door.

“It’s a door”

“It’s a door~ We have to open the door, huh”

While saying such, Albert opened the door and the lamps inside the room lighted up and they saw many wooden planks and flat stones in a disorderly cluster.

“Uwaa... so dirty”

“Indeed. But, it seems that the things in this room are quite old”

“How can you tell?”

“Take a look at this, there are words written on the planks and stones, right? They are a replacement for paper”

Albert took a nearby plank and stone and showed it to Felice.

“If I remember correctly, it was about 300 years ago that something like paper was invented, and it became possible to mass produce the cheap paper of present about a hundred years ago, right?”

“Yeah. Using wood and stone was way before that. It appears they were doing a magic research”

The two decided to search the room for a way out, but they didn't find anything in particular, so when they decided to search through the planks and stones, Felice screamed out.

“Kyaakyaaakyaa-”

“Hey!? Feli, what's the matter? Calm down!”

“T, t, that! That, that!”

When Albert looked where Felice was pointing at, he saw bones among the scattered planks and stones.

“Are they perhaps human bones? Let's remove the things at the top first. Feli, give it a try”

“Ehh~... [Float]”

When Felice activated her magic, the planks and stones floated up, so they put them away.

The bones they were looking at were undoubtedly human bones, but they were able to see door under them.

“What to do? They are in the way of opening the door, we should move them”

Saying such, Albert touched the human bones and received an impact between his brows.

“Ouch... what was that!?”

“Ahh~ my body can move~”

“.....”

“Eh?”

“N?... Who is it?”

After Albert and the bones were staring at each other for a while, the bones looked at Felice.

“Gy, gy, gy”

“Gy?”

“Gya——!! O~ba~ke~!!”

“Eh!? Obake? What is an obake!?”

“Gya——!!”

“What is an obake——!!”

“Hey, Feli and... Bones, calm down”

The screams of Felice and Bones resounded around the room and Albert waiting for Felice to calm down while holding his ears.

CHAPTER 89

THE FORGOTTEN

A few minutes after Felice and the moving bones panicked because of each other, they mutual stood still.

Albert is looking at the bones with Felice behind him.

Albert who thought things couldn't stay like this forever opened his mouth.

“Ah~... I’m Albert and the one behind me is Felice. You are... judging by your appearances, human bones?”

“I’m..... what again? U~n... oh well!”

““It’s not “oh well”!”“

Felice and Albert unintentionally tsukkomi’d the carefree bones.

“Even if you say that, I don’t know~”

“Then, tell us what you know”

The bones answered Albert’s question while trying to recall.

“What I know?... Let’s see~... what I know is that putting the things in this room in order is my duty”

Curious about the “duty” the bones were talking about, Felice tried to ask.

“By duty you mean that there was a person who gave you such duty, right? Do you remember that person?”

“That I remember! That person is a great magician and it’s said that there are no people who don’t know his name! Everyone feared his power, so he was apparently driven to the frontier”

“...Is that so?”

(He is so strong everyone feared him, but he was driven to the frontier? That's incoherent. Or perhaps, was there some kind of a reason that he couldn't put up a resistance?)

When Felice looked at Albert after questioning the bones' story, he seemed to be thinking the same, so she asked again.

“...Do you remember that person's name?”

“His name... his name is James. James Barn! You know him, right?”

“I'm sorry. I don't know him”

“Sorry, but I don't know him either”

When the two honestly answered “don't know,” the bones got startled.

“Ehh!? You guys, ignorance has limits!”

“Even if you say that”

“I admit that we are ignorant though. By the way, according to what you have told us, the things in this room are that person's?”

“That's right! Everything here is that person's research!”

“I see... could we take a look if it's okay with you?”

(We might be able to learn something by reading the things here)

“Can't, can't! His research is absolutely secret!”

“We can't, huh”

(Can't be helped, let's secretly take some)

Albert was rejected by the bones, but while thinking something bad, Felice spoke with the bones.

“But, your duty is “putting the things in this room in order” right? You weren’t told anything like “don’t show the things in this room to others” right?”

“That’s right! I wasn’t told not to show it”

“Then, there’s no problem if we take a look, right?”

“Un?... Is that so? But... is it fine?”

“We want to learn about the “Great Magician” James-san! I think that we will be able to learn of his “Greatness” by looking at his work!”

“Great Magician... greatness... alright! Fine, read as much as you want!”

“Thank you very much!”

(I’m glad he’s simple. Well, if it was impossible, I intended to stealthily borrow them)

Felice had the same thoughts as Albert a little while ago, but when she looked at the smiling Albert, he gave her a thumbs-up.

Although feeling a bit guilty towards the delighted bones, just when curiosity towards the wooden planks won over Felice, the door the two came in broke into splinters. When the two dumbfoundedly looked towards the door, something jumped out from the dust.

“Are you safe! Al! Feli!”

“Tousama!?”

“Otousama!?”

The one who appeared was Claude who immediately guarded the two behind him.

“The door broke!? Who is it!”

“Bones!? A lich? What are you! For what purpose did you kidnap the two!”

““Ah...”“

(I completely forgot that Austin and Blake were with us!)

(Austin-san and Blake-san were with us! If it gets exposed that we forgot...)

Felice and Albert let out small voices, so when Claude glanced behind him, he saw the two with pale faces.

Seeing the two like that, Claude thought they were afraid and glared at the bones even more intensely.

If he was calm like usual, Claude would ask for the reason they are trembling like that, but he forgot himself this time because of anger.

Austin and Blake entered as well and the three took their usual formation.

“I don’t know! The two entered on their own!”

“On their own? Wasn’t it a trap?”

(It would be better to stop them, right? I want to quickly read)

(We have to stop them! It will turn into a fight!)

Although their reasons were different, Felice and Albert decided to stop Claude and others.

“Wait, Tousama. It’s not his fault”

“We have found that person... those bones squashed under the wooden planks and stones, he wasn’t able to move”

“Is that so?”

Being told such by the two, the three seemed willing to listen although still vigilant, so Felice and Albert decided to tell what happened until now.

As for the three’s reaction about James Barn.

“Great Magician James Barn? Never heard of him”

“If Claude doesn’t know him, there’s no way I would”

“Dunno”

“Every one of you is ignorant!”

Ignoring the angry bones, Claude spoke while looking around the room.

“However, I have interest in the things in here”

“It’s fine. Otousama”

“Just a while ago, the bones said that we can take a look, so let’s bring them back”

When the two were talking with Claude, the bones forced their way through.

“Ah! Carrying them out is prohibited!”

““Stingy!”“

“What about being stingy! This place is protected by burglar-proof magic! A trap will activate if you try to bring them out!”

““A trap!?”“

(I’m glad I didn’t try to stealthily carry them out~)

(I’m glad I didn’t secretly borrow them~)

“Come to think of it, it’s impossible to contact or transfer outside from here, isn’t it~... by the way, what kind of trap is it?”

“Eh?... That’s~ that you know... un!”

“You don’t know!? Or did you perhaps forgot!?”

“I thought so!”

While looking at the exchange of the two with the bones, Claude placed his hands on Felice’s and Albert’s heads while wryly smiling.

“Let’s return for now. Samantha and others are also worried”

“Okaasama and others?”

“I contacted them so they will move immediately if something happens. Evan, Lewis, and Andria knows too”

“...Did Andria perhaps tried to come too?”

“You guessed right. Evan sacrificed himself in order to stop her”

“Okaasama... did she cry?”

“She was nearly brought to tears when we departed, so she might be crying by now”

“Let’s return! Let’s immediately return!”

“Quickly, quickly! Okaasama is!”

“You are already leaving...”

““N?”“

When Felice and Albert tried to leave the room in a hurry, they heard a quiet voice. When the two looked towards the voice, the bones’ shoulders were shaki-... clattering, with his head hung down.

“Will you feel lonely? We will come again”

“We will definitely come again”

“I, I won’t really feel lonely or anything! But, if you really want to come no matter what... I will wait”

“It’s a promise... bones”

“Wait for us please, okay? Bones-san”

“““Bu!... Kukku”““

((She called a pile of bones Bones-san)))

The touching scene of Felice and others has apparently become a humorous thing for the adults.

Felice and Albert left the room together while glaring at the three adults who were desperately trying to hold back their laughter.

While leaving the room, Felice used 『Restoration』 on the destroyed door.

However, when they returned to the place they fell in, a problem was discovered by Blake's remark.

“By the way, do you know how to leave from here?”

“...Albert”

“Dunno~”

“Felice”

“I forgot to ask”

“Austin”

“Do you think I know? What about you?”

“I wouldn't ask if I knew... someone, go ask”

“Not me!”

“That would be impossible for me as well! Even though we already said farewell, how embarrassing would that be!”

“In the first place, would those bones know? He didn't know about the trap either”

““Indeed”””

“Alright. I will go ask”

“Blake, I will go too”

In the end, Blake and Austin were to ask and the bones luckily knew the way, so they were able to safely get outside.

After transferring to the tents to clean up first, they transferred back to the Faust House. Samantha who was waiting embraced the two while crying, not separating from them for a while.

In the meanwhile, Claude contacted Evan and others and reported about the two's safety and decided to tell them the full story tomorrow.



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